

REHOBBETH
1 mile from Eldorado
Dorchester County, Maryland.

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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Owner: a Mr. Brewall (?).

Date of Erection: About 1723 ¹.

Architect: No record.

Builder: No record.

Present Condition: Good.

Number of Stories: Two, and basement.

Materials of Construction: Brick.

Other Existing Records: See text; see Earle ¹.

Additional Data: See following pages.

1. Earle, S.: Chesapeake Bay Country, page 403.

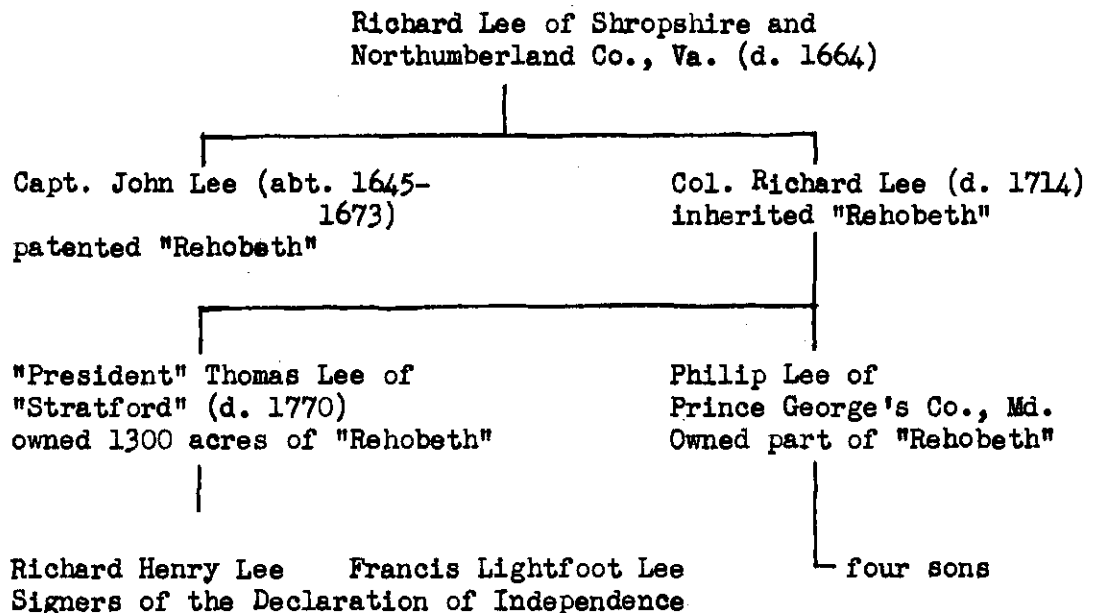
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HISTORICAL DATA:

The original source for the date of "Rehobeth" is in Elias Jones' History of Dorchester County. The account states that in 1902 the house was about one hundred seventy-five years old; hence, the date is about 1727.

The original patent is quoted from Jones (p. 102): "Rehobeth, 2350 acres, surveyed for Capt. John Lee, March 31, 1673". The connection of the Lees of "Rehobeth" with the Lees of "Stratford" is shown in the following diagram based on Jones' article:



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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION¹ :

"Rehobeth", an old home of the Lees of Virginia, is distinguished for the coral and flint, brought from "South of 23", in the foundation walls. The brick house is thirty-six feet square, with a small modern frame addition on the west side². The window heads are arched on the gable sides, but on the other sides there are wooden lintels with imitation wood keystones. On the river front is the Flemish brick bonding; the other facades are built up with the English and common bonds. The water table is made up of moulded bricks placed in the following manner:



The summer kitchen, now destroyed, was connected by a colonnade or passageway to the east side of the building; the winter kitchen was under the dining room.

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1. Based on notes taken at the site on Oct. 25, 1932 for "Early Manor and Plantation Houses of Maryland" (1934). See page 161.
 2. Other dimensions are: Grads level to first floor level, 4'-0"; first floor ceiling height, 9'-5"; thickness of first floor outside walls, 18" (second floor walls are thinner); first floor window sill heights, 2'-10".

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION (continued):

The interior woodwork has been destroyed by fire, but the following description gives an idea as to its former appearance:

"...the usual carved wainscoating, high mantel pieces, and deep windows indicative of the colonial period... Over the mantels in the parlor and dining-room, built into the walls, are panel-paintings which seem to be reproductions of some magnificent country estate of old English type..." 3

"Rehobeth" is now owned by a gentleman whose hobby is gun collecting, and the walls of the house are covered with museum pieces.

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3. Quoted from Earle, S.: The Chesapeake Bay Country, page 404.

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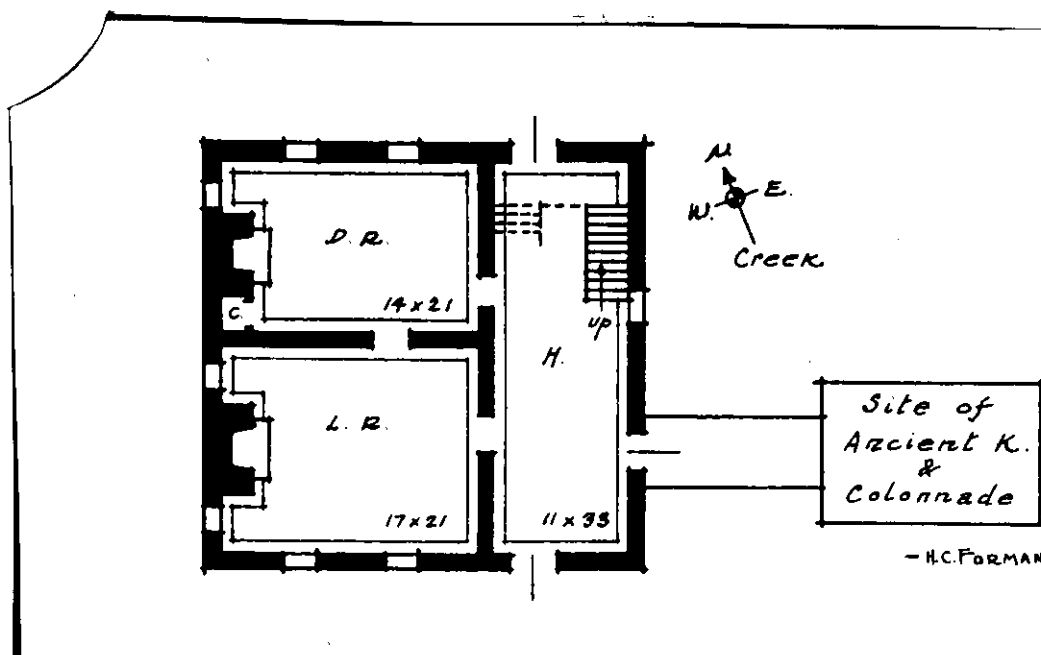
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Measured and drawn by H. C. Forman, 1933 for
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Plan at 1/16th scale.